

INTERBOROUGH HAS COAL ON HAND FOR TWO DAYS

Richmond Gas Co.'s Plight Worse, Its Bins Being Entirely Empty.

STOCKS TO BE POOLED

Public Service Concerns With Supplies to Lend Fuel to Others.

6,827 TONS DROP IN WEEK

Copeland Seeks Inspector to Washington to Obtain Priority Action.

Reports made yesterday to Lewis Nixon, Public Service Commissioner, of the amount of bituminous coal in the bins of the several public utility corporations in this city as of October 19, showed that the New York and Richmond Gas Company of Staten Island has none in stock, while the Interborough Rapid Transit Company reported a supply of only 5,835 tons, or about two days' quota. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company is in a somewhat better position, with enough fuel to last eleven days.

According to the figures of the fourteen companies reporting weekly to the Commissioner, the aggregate amount of soft coal they had on hand on October 19 was 6,827 tons less than their total of October 13, the entire reserve having shrunk from 447,872 tons to 441,045 tons during the intervening week. It is clear, therefore, that supply is not keeping pace with consumption. Study of the relative figures shows interesting contrasts.

Of the entire stocks held by the fourteen companies, 441,045 tons, nearly 400,000 tons, or 90 per cent, are in the hands of the Consolidated Gas Company, which reported enough coal to last 114 days. The equally important Interborough Rapid Transit system, on the other hand, was reduced to a scant two days' supply.

Queensborough in Good Shape.

Next to the Consolidated Gas Company in point of good fortune appeared to be the electrical department of the Queensborough Gas and Electric Company, which reported that its dynamo whirling for sixty-eight days, one of the corporations now under Federal indictment, which reported that it had on hand 79,811 tons, or enough to last fifty-eight days. The New York Edison Company, including the United Electric Light and Power Company, has 142,535 tons—thirty-one days' supply.

In view of these disparities it was announced yesterday by M. S. Sloan, for the Commissioner's New York Fuel Distribution Committee, that the public service companies in New York which have coal supplies on hand will make every effort to see that other less fortunate utility corporations in this city shall be aided safely over periods when a shut-down of service seems imminent. In other words, the utility companies actually will pool their bituminous supplies in the public interest rather than permit any of their number to face a fuel famine.

Mr. Sloan, who is president of the Brooklyn Edison Company, Inc., gave publicity to that policy at the end of the hearing which was continued yesterday before Mr. Nixon. He was speaking for the committee recently appointed by the Commissioner to "police" the coal situation for the public utility corporations of this district.

"I believe it to be the spirit of this committee," said Mr. Sloan, "that no public utility company shall be compelled to shut down service for lack of coal and that the utmost effort must be exerted by us to pool our resources, if necessary to that end."

Richmond Situation Is Acute.

The subject was brought to an acute head when Commissioner Nixon announced that the New York and Richmond Gas Company had been in dire straits for coal during the last week, and that at one time its supply was so far depleted that it faced an imminent shut-down. Mr. Sloan said the Brooklyn Edison Company had endeavored to tide the Staten Island corporation over its crisis by supplying coal to it from the Brooklyn Edison concern's storage yard on Staten Island.

It was further announced that the members of Commissioner Nixon's fuel distribution committee would go to Washington soon for a conference with D. W. Elliott, secretary of the national committee on gas and electric service, who has promised that the New York utility corporations shall not be left without an adequate supply of fuel. It is felt to be highly important that provision should be made for a more adequate reserve.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, also shares that feeling. He announced that he is sending to Washington Joseph L. Loefer, his chief inspector, to confer with the Interstate Commerce authorities and to urge immediate steps to move coal to the relief of this city. If no other measures appear to be feasible, a priority service order in favor of New York may be requested in the interest of safeguarding the public health.

DIES AFTER KILLING GIRL.

Dr. Rowe Succumbs Without Regaining Consciousness.

Dr. Max Rowe of 1584 Lexington avenue, who on Wednesday shot and killed Dr. Ruth Rubin of 121 Second avenue and then shot himself, died yesterday afternoon in St. Catherine's Hospital without regaining consciousness.

Both Dr. Rowe and Dr. Rubin were dentists, the former having an office in 328 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, where the shooting occurred. They had been engaged, but Dr. Rubin had broken the engagement. According to the police, Dr. Rowe shot her after she had repeatedly refused to marry him.

McMULLIN CASE CONTINUED.

The case of Stewart N. McMullin, prohibition enforcement agent acquitted in the Federal Court Wednesday, who is now charged with being a fugitive from Indiana, was continued until Saturday after being brought to the Federal Court by Chief City Magistrate William McAdoo yesterday. State Senator James J. Walker, McMullin's counsel, asked that he be fixed, but his request was refused.

BABY DROWNS IN BATHTUB; MOTHER SAVED BY NURSE

Mrs. Garfield J. Witz, Unconscious When Rescued, Later Sent to Bellevue Hospital—Homicide Charge Is Made by the Police.

Miss Viola Burley, a nurse in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield J. Witz, 265 West 148th street, returned to the Witz apartment last yesterday afternoon after a shopping trip, and found Mrs. Witz and her year-old baby, Theodore, lying in the bathtub with water pouring upon them from open faucets. The baby was dead by the time Miss Burley pulled him from the water, but Mrs. Witz recovered consciousness after a physician had worked over her for some time. Her talk, however, was so incoherent and she appeared so dazed that she was sent to the psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital for observation.

Miss Burley told the police she took Theodore for a ride as usual yesterday afternoon, and that when in the Police she left the baby carriage in the lower hallway and carried the child upstairs to the Witz apartment. Mrs. Witz, she said, was standing on the sidewalk talking to a neighbor, but followed her to the stairs. Miss Burley said Mrs. Witz told her to go to the movies, and that when she protested, Mrs. Witz asked her to take some money and purchase some clothing for the child.

The nurse then went away, leaving Mrs. Witz sitting in a chair, with the baby in her arms. Miss Burley returned an hour later. She rang the bell and, getting no response, tried the front door of the apartment. It was locked. She could see no signs of Mrs. Witz or the baby, but presently she heard the trickle of running water and went into the bathroom through a window.

Lying in the tub was Mrs. Witz, partly clothed, with the fully dressed body of the baby underneath her. Mrs. Witz was restored to consciousness by Dr. J. P. Preston Miller of 544 West 148th street and Dr. Maynard Owens of 339 West 148th street. Detective James McCormack of the West 152d street station made a charge of homicide against Mrs. Witz.

Mr. Witz, who is a real estate operator and manager for the Fourteen Eighty-two Broadway Corporation, said last night that his wife had suffered from nervous trouble ever since she had pneumonia and influenza two years ago.

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Ten Other Promotions; Three Become Lieutenants.

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Man Brings Suit When Daughter Inherits \$500,000.

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TRAINING SHIP ARRIVES.

The new training ship of the Second Battalion of Naval Militia of New York, Eagle 21, one of the fleet built by Henry Ford for chasing submarines, arrived from Port Antonio yesterday and docked at the foot of Fifty-seventh street, Brooklyn. She takes the place of the Gloucester, used by the Second Battalion before the war.

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BANDITS FIRE ON PROSECUTOR YOUNG

Attempt Holdup of Suffolk District Attorney and a Justice of Peace.

ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE

Police Recover 400 Pound Safe Stolen From Drug Store.

Automobile bandits and burglars were particularly active in New York and vicinity during the last twenty-four hours. Two of their most daring exploits were the theft of a 400 pound safe from a drug store of the Liggett Company in Washington Heights and an attempt to hold up Leroy M. Young, District Attorney of Suffolk county, and Paul H. Bailey, Justice of the peace at Amityville, L. I.

Young and Bailey, together with Mrs. Bailey, a bride of a few days, were in an automobile when they were attacked by the bandits on the Commack road between Babylon and St. James. Mr. Bailey was driving and the car was approaching the Motor Parkway when a machine was seen standing off the road, with several men blocking the road. The bandits called out to the party to halt, and when Mr. Bailey in answer threw the car into higher speed several shots were fired.

The bandits' car then gave chase and attempted to pass Mr. Bailey. Not succeeding, shots were again fired, apparently with the intention of puncturing the tires. The bandits hurried ahead, pushing Mr. Bailey's machine into the bushes at the side of the road. They were about to get out when two shots were fired, and the bandits started off at once, nearly ditching the two oncoming cars as they passed. One of the shots fired did any damage.

Patrolman William Lyons saw a General Motors touring car into an automobile early yesterday morning from a drug store at 2641 Broadway, near 152d street. The men leaped into the machine as he approached. Lyons drove westward in a taxicab pursued the automobile south on Broadway to 116th street, where it disappeared.

An hour later Detectives Teed and Mulvey, of the Manhattan station, saw a high powered car containing four men racing down Broadway. They chased it in a taxicab and emptied their revolvers at it. The men in the car fled back to Ninety-fourth street, where they were arrested. The car was taken to Riverside Drive and the "Drive and Ninety-first street" the occupants jumped and ran to the subway, where they caught a train before the detectives reached them. The safe, still unopened, was in the car.

Hyman Zimman, 40, janitor of the building at 40 Livingston street, and his wife Sarah, 26, were attacked yesterday morning by three men. They were trying to escape after an attempted robbery in the building. Patrolman Denner arrested Kymman Green, 26, of 51 Essex street. They brought out a conspiracy to defraud stockholders of the corporation. He was acquitted of the charges. He now contends that the defendants brought about his indictment maliciously, pursuant to a conspiracy to "freeze" him and his friends out of the company.

The defendants deny that they acted otherwise than to protect the corporation and its stockholders. They say they served the interests of his client, as he was in duty bound to do.

PEEPER WHO ALARMED

STATEN ISLAND CAUGHT

Suspect Said to Have Admitted Attack on Girl.

Hugh O'Hearn of Hartford was arrested yesterday at Arrochar, Staten Island, and held in \$5,000 bail by Magistrate Mullin in the New Brighton police court charged with having attacked a nine-year-old girl half an hour before he was arrested. He is also accused of having attacked another girl two weeks ago. The first girl identified O'Hearn at the Stapleton police station.

The police said that O'Hearn had confessed to the attack upon the child and that he had confessed also that he was the "peeping Tom" who has been frightening women in various sections of Staten Island during the last two weeks. The police say that O'Hearn has served terms in several prisons for similar offenses. Despatches from Hartford said that he has been before the Connecticut courts at least three times for offenses of this character and twice had served jail terms there.

HOLLAND IMMIGRANT

STARTLES ELLIS ISLAND

Newcomer Displays \$5,600 to Buy Farm.

Just after the establishment at Ellis Island yesterday of a bureau by the Netherlands League of Immigration, Gerit Doppenburg, who sold out his farm near Gelderland, passed through the portals with his wife and seven children, four more than 15 years old and started Capt. Jimmy Rowe, official money changer, by displaying \$5,600 in bank currency for conversion into the greenbacks of Uncle Sam.

Doppenburg had acquired through exchange on the other side more than \$3,000 in American money. He said he intended to buy a small farm in Minnesota and establish a dairy like that he had in Holland. He lamented the crowded condition of Holland since the war and declared that he would become an American citizen as soon as the laws of Minnesota permitted.

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BOND DEAL PROBERS WANT TO SEE TRAVIS

Books of Comptroller's Personal Financial Transactions Wanted.

OTHERS ALSO MISSING

Broker Tells of Travis Account Carried by Courtesy Because Stocks Fell.

The lack of books of account concerning his personal financial transactions was to have been the subject of further testimony yesterday by Eugene M. Travis, State Comptroller, in the John Doe inquiry into the manner in which he bought bonds for the State shirking funds, but the officials who desired to question him were unable to get in touch with him.

This same procedure regarding his personal affairs was also followed by Albert L. Judson, who profited to the extent of \$850,000 in his bond sales to the State. Judson testified on the stand, but did not Mr. Travis tried several times to reach Mr. Travis by telephone, although without success.

Justice Summons Travis.

The admissions at the last session made a further examination into the Travis personal finances imperative. Mr. Peora told Justice Kernochan, who thereupon directed that Mr. Travis be summoned to appear at the afternoon session. Process servers were unable to reach him, though.

They failed also to get in touch with William Boardman, a Deputy State Comptroller, and with Le Roy Baldwin, president of the Empire Trust Company, with the consequence that no witnesses were examined at the morning session.

In the afternoon George E. Gibbons of George B. Gibbons & Co., one of the brokerage houses alleged to have been favored in bond purchases, was recalled to the stand in order to produce a transcript of every transaction his firm had with the Comptroller, showing that from January 1, 1915, to April 15, 1920, Gibbons & Co. sold \$6,785,000 worth of municipal bonds to the State. Mr. Peora went into detail regarding nine transactions involving \$1,881,660 per value bonds. These were sold to the State to yield an average of 4.25 per cent, he showed, while the identical issues were offered to the public just before or after the sales to the State at prices such that the yields would average 1.20 to 1.10 of 1 per cent. more than the State received.

Broker Says Prices Jumped.

Mr. Gibbons explained that the slight differences were due to market fluctuations, and offered to produce instances where the price to the public jumped after the bonds were first put on the market.

The District Attorney wanted to know about a personal account maintained by Mr. Travis with Gibbons & Co. Mr. Gibbons explained that he had invited Mr. Travis to buy some shares of a certain stock several years ago, and because the stocks subsequently depreciated his firm has been carrying the Travis account out of courtesy.

The inquiry adjourned until Monday morning when Mr. Travis is expected to resume the stand.

TAX ON PERIODICALS

ATTACKED BY MORGAN

Trade Paper Men Told of Methods of P. O. Dept.

The Post Office Department's policy of taxing the circulation of periodicals by treating them as commodities was attacked yesterday by William F. Morgan, president of the Merchants Association, in an address before the business and trade paper men, in convention at the Hotel Astor.

"From the foundation of this Government," said Mr. Morgan, "to the year 1913, the vital importance of widely disseminating printed intelligence as a means of public education was fully recognized. To promote the fullest and freest interchange of thought through the medium of the printed page was from the outset accepted as a chief function of the post office, in order that enlightenment might destroy ignorance and free institutions thus be safeguarded and preserved."

"And then in 1913 it was said that the postal service was costing too much because it was carrying every corner of the land immense quantities of newspapers and periodicals, the chief agents of the people's intellectual growth. They were made to pay the price of commodities. And by this so-called economy we are able to send baby carriages through the mails and extend the expensive rural free delivery system."

William Spencer Murray of the United States Geological Survey, also spoke. Samuel O. Dunn, editor of *Railway Age*, was toastmaster.

ELWELL'S MOTHER ASKS

ADMINISTRATRIX RIGHT

Wants Appointment to \$100,000 Estate—Father Dead.

Mrs. Jennie Elwell of Ridgewood, N. Y., mother of Joseph B. Elwell, who was shot and killed in his apartment in this city in June, applied yesterday to the Surrogate's Court to be appointed administratrix of his estate. She said he left about \$100,000 of property and debts amounting to about \$50,000.

The son named Elwell and another as legatees and appointed his father, Joseph S. Elwell, as executor. Since the son died his father has also died.

BOY KILLED BY MOTOR CAR.

Jesse Marymount, Driver of Machine, Held After Accident.

Theodore Georgia, 5 years old, of 601 West 144th street, was killed yesterday at Riverside Drive and 144th street by an automobile driven by Jesse Marymount, 20 years old, son of Max Marymount, leather dealer, living at 4366 Twelfth avenue, Brooklyn.

Marymount was arrested on a charge of homicide. The child broke away from the police and ran in front of the automobile, Marymount asserted. Miss Tizy declared the boy had hold of her hand when he was struck.

LA GUARDIA TO ADD TO SCHOOL BUDGET

Knife Whetted, He Says, for Slashing in All Other City Departments.

SEES A WORKABLE PLAN